

**Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

**Strategic Development Committee**

**Friday, May 21, 2010**

**Present: Betty Pleacher, Bob Cooper, Everett Amaral, Fred Ricci, Joe Oakes, Paul Harden, Wendy Kagan**

**Staff and guests: Christine Grieco, Jen Buck, Shirley Winslow, Gail DuPont, Wendy Mackie, Susan Daley, and Dave Tremblay**

**Absent: Allen Durand, Nancy Roderick, Susan O'Donnell and Christine Ferguson**

**With a quorum present, Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:40 am. Mr. Harden asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting of February 19, 2010 and April 16, 2010.**

**VOTE: Mr. Cooper motioned to approve the minutes from February 19, 2010 and April 16, 2010. Mr. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ISDI Presentation: Mr. Harden introduced the guest speakers Wendy Mackie and Susan Daley from My Turn. Ms. Mackie noted My Turn would be leaving Rhode Island in the near future. Ms. Mackie and Ms. Daley made a presentation on the Marine Trades industry.**

## **Executive Director's Report:**

**Ms. Grieco noted the following items to be discussed and voted on.**

- **WIA PY09 JOBS NOW/TANF PLAN Mod #1**

**The Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (WPGRI) submits this implementation plan for the Jobs Now RI Program. Jobs Now RI is funded through the ARRA-TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) subsidized Employment Plan, under the provisions of Section 403 (c) of the Social Security Act. This program will provide income support and work experience to eligible participants as well as providing RI employers with workers that they may not be able to afford during this economic downturn.**

**As the administrative entity, WPGRI will provide the management of the Subsidized Employment Program (SEP) for local workforce investment area.**

**Ms. Grieco asked for a vote to approve WIA PY09 JOBS NOW/TANF PLAN Mod #1.**

**VOTE: Mr. Harden made a motion to approve WIA PY09 JOBS NOW/TANF PLAN Mod #1. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **WIA PY09 JOBS NOW/TANF Agreement w/ One-Stop Center Mod #1**  
The modification is intended to: clarify the roles and responsibilities of all parties (RIDLT, DOR, DHS) associated with the use of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families(TANF) Emergency contingency funds (ECF) for Subsidized Employment under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Program's sunset date 9-30-10.

**Ms. Grieco asked for a vote to approve WIA PY09 JOBS NOW/TANF Agreement w/ One-Stop Center Mod #1.**

**VOTE: Mr. Harden made a motion to approve WIA PY09 JOBS NOW/TANF Agreement w/One-Stop Center Mod #1. Mr. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **WPGRI WIA PY09 Agreement w/DLT Mod #1**  
This modification is intended to: to adjust budget re: JDF de-obligation in accordance with WIN 09-09.

**Ms. Grieco asked for a vote to approve WPGRI Agreement w/ DLT Mod #1.**

**VOTE: Mr. Ricci made a motion to refer WPGRI PY09 Agreement w/DLT Mod #1 to the Finance Committee and not take any action. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. No action was taken.**

- **WPGRI WIA PY10 PLAN**

The administrative and operational systems described in the current PY09 will remain unchanged in PY10.

Ms. Grieco asked for a vote to approve WPGRI WIA PY10 PLAN.

VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to approve WPGRI WIA PY10 PLAN. Mr. Ricci seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **WPGRI WIA10 MOU w/DLT**

This memorandum of Understanding outlines the relationship between the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (WPGRI) and the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training (RIDLT) in regards to the allocation of federal stimulus Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds of \$30,705.00 to the non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation.

Ms. Grieco asked for a vote to approve WPGRI WIA 10 MOU w/DLT.

VOTE: Mr. Harden made a motion to approve WPGRI WIA 10 MOU w/DLT. Mr. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **WPGRI WIA PY10 Agreement w/WIA One Stop Services**

This Memorandum of Understanding outlines the relationship between Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (WPGRI) and

**the Rhode Island Department of Labor Training (RIDLT) in regards to the allocation of federal Workforce Investment Act (WIS) funds of \$316,000.00 to the non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation.**

**VOTE: Ms. Grieco will not be asking for a vote today.**

**New Programs: Ms. Buck discussed the Contextualized Education and Training programs.**

- WPGRI PY 09 Contextualized Education and Training proposal. Summary Matrix of recommendations.**

**Ms. Buck is asking for a vote to fund the Contextualized Education and Training proposal.**

**VOTE: Mr. Cooper made a motion to fund the Contextualized Education and Training proposal, not to exceed the funding. Mr. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- WPGRI PY 09 Weatherization Contracts**

**At the Weatherization Bidders Conference there were several bidders in attendance, two applications were received. The readers and raters discussed the bids and found neither met the requirements.**

**New Business: There was no new business to come before the**

**Strategic Committee.**

**Old Business:** There was no old business to come before the Strategic Committee.

**VOTE:** Mr. Harden motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next Strategic Committee meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Winslow